TATTAMANGALAM MUNICIPALITY—VESTING OF ADDITIONAL POWERS

38. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will theGovernment be pleased to state.—

(*a*) were not the people of Tattamangalam enjoying the privilege of electing the Chairman and Councillors of their Municipal Council before the bifurcation of the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality;

(*b*) why was this privilege withdrawn by the Government after the bifurcation and the creation of a separate minor municipality for Tattamangalam;

(*c*) when will the term of office of the present Chairman and Councillors nominated by the Government expire;

(*d*) will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of cancelling the rest of the term of the present nominated Council and grant the people of Tattamangalam the power of electing their Chairman and Councillors?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The people of Tattamangalam did not enjoy the privilege of electing Municipal Chairmen; but they certainly enjoyed the privilege of electing Municipal Councillors to the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality.

(*b*) The Joint Committee appointed for the constitution of the minor municipality reported that members of the first Council may be nominated by Government. This recommendation was accepted by Government.

(*c*) Three years after the date of their appointment.

(*d*) Government do not think that there is any necessity to do so at present.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* While accepting the recommendations of this Committee did Government consider the rational basis of their recommendations?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Is not Tattamangalam a new municipality only technically?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In several respects it is a new municipality.

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Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Were not the people of Tattamangalam electing their own Councillors ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, for the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Therefore, is it not a fact that Tattamangalam is a new Municipality, only technically ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* You may take it so if you like.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government kindly order elections when the term of the present Council expires ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In all probability it will be done.

TATTAMANGALAM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL—STRENGTH OF MEMBERS—INCREASING OF

39. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the sanctioned strength of the Tattamangalam Municipal Council ;

(*b*) on what basis did the Government fix the strength;

(*c*) what is the population within the area of the present Tattamangalam Municipality according to the last Census;

(*d*) is it not a fact that various boards of Panchayats in the State in places with less population consist of more members than this Municipal Council;

(*e*) whether provision is not given for a greater number of members for towns with less population in the "Cochin Town Councils Bill" recently passed by the Legislative Council;

(*f*) is the Government aware that there is a general feeling among the public of Tattamangalam that the present strength of their Municipal Council is quite inadequate to carry on the local administration effectively and efficiently;

(*g*) will the Government be pleased to increase the strength of the Municipal Council, before the next Council is constituted?

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